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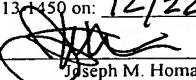
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 22 of this paper.